## BASKET COMPANY SHARES AT 50

## Truth About Recent Advances--Reasons Why a Further Rise to and Beyond Par Is Inevitable.

advanced to 50 cents (par value, \$1.00, full paid and nonassessable).

The rise is due to popular appreciation of opportunity. Such opportunities usually go to a Syndicate of Capitalists.

This one has been offered direct to the public, and prompt advantage has been taken of it. It has become "THE PEOPLE'S TRUST."

When the announcements of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company were first made, there were many who were interested in the news facts presented, and a large percentage of the interested ones subscribed for the first alforment of shares. Another large number subscribed for the second allotment. and on both allotments there were many who, through indecision or eversight. did not make subscription in time to get their stock.

A GREAT MANY (nearly 1,500) subscriptions to the first allotment of shares. which closed on February 28th, did not arrive on that day owing to mails deaved by storm and flood, and all those subscribers who had not taken the preaution to telegraph the Company were advised that the lists were closed. This was by many considered to be an arbitrary ruling by the Company's officers, but was made necessary by the fact that the first allotment was already somewhat oversubscribed, and the directors were in duty bound to refuse all subcriptions at the price of the first allotment the moment the time limit had expired.

THESE OCCURRENCES made it necessary for the directors of the Company, n announcing the second allotment, to reserve the right of closing the subscription at any time at their discretion. Thus, many were disappointed, but with no misunderstanding as to the power of the directors to reject their subscription.

### DIRECT TO THE PEOPLE.

When the Company's shares were first offered to the public, it was figured that as there was "underwriting syndicate" to absorb a large amount of stock, it was possible to offer the first tares at a low price to provide funds for initial steps in getting the far-reaching plans of the company under way. This would give the first subscribers the advantage to which they were enfled as the work of gathering capital proceeded. A certain amount of stock was therefore set side for the first allotment, and the second allotment was announced at a higher price

This second allotment has now been closed, and with such success that the calization of the great profits which will accrue from operating the automatic bor-saving basket-making machines of the Company has become a business

WITH SUCH POSSESSIONS as the only Basket Machines ever invented, protected by baspatents and all improvements covered, it is a plain business proposition that capital and manement will accomplish great success. This capital is being furnished by the people in steadily creasing volume; and this business management, broad and modern, as it must be, is provided out of the experience of the Company's own directorate of business men who first recognized the great opportunity and grasped it.

### THE PROPOSITION.

The proposition of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company is one of automatic machine work as opposed to hand labor, and none of the noted labor saving machines familiar to every one can compare in effectiveness and practical accomplishment with the basket-making machines which this Company owns and controls.

the matter dropped.

THE MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE, which does the work of four or fiv men, pays a steady dividend of twenty per cent on ten millions of capital,

THE HARVESTING MACHINES which cut the country's grain require two horses and one man to do the work of six men, but these machines made the McCormick millions.

THE SEWING MACHINE, which works five times as fast as the seamstress built palaces and supports whole townships with its earnings.

But the Basket-making Machines of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Shares in the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company have Machine Company are so efficient and so perfectly automatic that with each of them ONE GIRL DOES THE WORK OF TWELVE MEN.

### COMPANY CONTROLS ITS OWN FIELD.

In addition to the great saving of labor which would commend these machines as an investment the every business man and every thanking person, there is the most important fact that the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company will absolutely control the industry which employs the machines. IT WILL DO THE BUSINESS ITSELF, Its model factories will be set up on a scale commensurate with the great scope of the Company's field of work, and will mannfacture from raw material and deliver to the fruit grower every basket needed for the moving and marketing of every ounce of fruit produced.

IN THIS WAY the full control of prices, of product and of profit will be retained by the giant organization which represents the people, who are alive to the merit of a proposition stronger than any which has ever been offered to the public for popular subscription

A proposition controlling an industry of which the present and immediate

PROFITS ARE OVER \$4,000,000 A YEAR, and the demand for fruit baskets of all kinds is increasing at the rate of 150,000,000 baskets a year. Already there are six thousand shareholders in this

great Corporation. Already the plans of the Company are taking definite form in negotiations

which are nearing completion and which, when announced, will drive the selling | SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE price of the shares higher and higher.

### FACTS THAT COUNT,

The actual yearly demand exceeds Two Billion Baskets.

Value at Wholesale, Eleven Million Dol-

The net profit on this volume of business last year was \$1,387,000. The Baskets were all made by hand.

Each Mergenthaler-Horton Company machine does the work of twelve men.

The saving in labor by the use of the Mergenthaler - Horton Basket Machines amounts to more than TWO MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

This gives earnings for the company of OVER THREE MILLION THREE HUN-

THIRTY - THREE PER CENT. ON THE ENTIRE CAPITAL ON THE PRESENT VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

The machines may be seen in operation at the Robison Basket Company's factory, Painesville, O., where over thirty are installed; at Elmira, N. Y., at the machine shops of Emmett Herton, one of the invent ors, and at Sodus, N. Y., where they are also in operation.

The practical working of the machines is now shown in every office of the Company named below,

The Company will not sell or lease its machines, but will equip and own and operate basket factories all over this country.

### DOUBLING THEIR MONEY.

Follow the steps taken by the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company and it will be seen that every step has been in exact, accord with its announcements. Early shareholders now see their shares double in value. New subscribers will see their shares double in value, and still the limit of price for these shares will not be reached, because just as surely as the Linotype Machine pays its shareholders twenty per cent on ten millions of capital, JUST SO SURELY WILL THE AUTOMATIC BASKET-MAKING MACHINES WHICH SAVE THREE TIMES AS MUCH LABOR AS THE LINOTYPE EARN DIVI-

## MERGENTHALER - HORTON BASKET MACHINE CO.

CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

H. H. WARNER CHARLES R. BARLOW Treasurer, SIDNEY B. WHITLOCK Secretary.

TRANSFER AGENTS: The Corporation Trust Co. of New York.

FOR COMPARISON.

Machine as Against Hand-Made Baskets

FIVE-POUND GRAPE BASKET.

5-ib Grape Basket, Hand labor ..... \$2.50 per 1,0006

Facks. .... 1.00

Machine and girl can make 4,000 in ten hours,

Wire .....

Saving by Machine, \$2.50 per 1,000.

Saving by Machine, \$3 per 1,000. Seiling price, \$18 to \$22 "

Selling price, \$12 to \$16

5-ib. Grape Basket, Machine labor. \$ .40 per 1,0006

EIGHT-POUND GRAPE BASKET.

8-lb. Grape Basket, Hand labor .... \$3,00 per 1,000 \$

8-1b. Grape Basket, Machine labor . \$ .40 per 1,000 4

BERRY BASKETS.

Quart Berry Basket cost Hand labor..\$1.00 per 1,000

Machine and girl can make 12,000 in ten hours.

Wire and Wood .... ....... .60

Same with Machine labor ...... \$ .15 per 1,000

Wire and Wood .... \$ .60 per 1,000

(iirl can make by hand 1,200 in ten hours.

Man can make by hand 350 in ten hours.

DENDS WHICH WILL MAKE THE SHARES OF THE MER GENTHALER HORTON BAS KET MAKING MACHINE COM-PANY SOUGHT FOR AT PRICES WHICH ARE BEYOND PRESENT COMPUTATION.





All the stock of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company is common stock. No person has any advantage over another person. There are no bonds, no debts, no preferred stock. Every shareholder gets the same proportionate voice in

the affairs of the Company, and the same proportionate profit out of its earnings.

Saving by Machine, 85c per 1,000. Selling price, from \$2.20 to \$4 per 1,000.

The Company is justly styled THE PEOPLE'S TRUST. Subscribers to the stock of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company may send or bring their subscriptions to any office of the Company. Checks, drafts and money orders should be drawn to the order of Bankers Finance Co.

No subscription accepted for less than 50 shares. SEND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO

Subscription Agents, 507 Union Trust Bldg., ST. LOUIS, MO.

### **COLONEL BOB KERN** NAILS SOME YARNS

Ex-St. Louisan Is Making a Legislative Campaign in Macon County.

### THE COLONEL IS NOW A FARMER

Interested in Improving Chariton River Land, Hence a Story He Is Denying—Digging a Big Ditch.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Macon, Mo., March 14.-Brief as has been his candidacy for the Legislature, Judge R. H. Kern has encountered the campaign prevaricator, and the latter is getting his work in from a curious direction, It has been known for years that Mr. Kern has been working every legal avenue to have the Chariton River ditched for the benefit not only of his own property, but the thousands of acres of other land owners, After unavailing efforts in the courts he has decided to do the work at his own expense and has put a dredger on the river and contracted with a construction company. In spite of all this, it seems queer stories have emanated from some place that he wants to go to the Legislature to pass some sort of law to compel the county to build his ditch and make the Chariton River navigable for small pleasure craft up from St. Louis; that he wants this done so as to give his St. Louis friends a pleasant outing every summer, and enable them to hunt. fish, swim, go boating in steam launches, and, in short, make life one glad, sweet song-all at the expense of the suffering county. Mr. Keen this week indignantly denies these far-fetched fairly tales, and insists that his calumniators meet him on the



the neck of the bottle.

should keep a bot-tle of this excellent medicine on hand at all times

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stump, or at a reasonable distance, with broad swords or battle axes.

Colonel Kern Explains.

"I have made but one rule in life," said Mr. Kern, "and that is to make a manly, open fight, which I am trying to do in this race. Persons are saying I want to go to the Legislature to ditch the Chariton River bottom by having the drainage law of this State so changed as to tax Macon County people for it. This statement is absolutely false. When I bought my farm here three years ago a petition was then on file in the Macon County Court to drain it and other lands on the Chariton River. Knowing it would be an immense benefit to have it drained I urged the courts to order it done. They refused to do it, and

ton land through the court was a failure.
I last fall went into the Circuit Court, not the County Court, under the law in con-junction with six owners of land adjacent to my farm and incorporated a draininge district to drain 1.849 acres of land on the west side of the river. Of this land I own 1.890 acres, To drain it will require a ditch at least three miles in length, and cost many thousands of dollars. I bought to ising of the parties, who did not wish to share in this expense with me, and will pay all the cost of the ditch myself. It will be paid for without one bond or mortgage on the land, without one dollar from the Macon County Treasury, or one cent tax on the property of the persons circulating this

### Rumor No. 2.

"Another and equally silly rumor is that I don't own my land, but that a syndicate does, and I want to go to the Legislature to pass laws to make the county pay the M. & M. bonds. I want to say right here that I have never had one moment's conversation with the owner or agent of a sin-gle one of these bonds, and I stand shoulder to shoulder with Macon County in its opposition to paying that unjust debt."
Mr. Kern's opponents are Doctor J. F.

Campbell and Walter C. Goodson, It is not charged that either of them has been in any way circulating the reports referred to, The very best of feeling exists between the three aspirants and they frequently ad-dress the same meetings. All are good talkers and on their advent into the various chool districts the regular weekly debating society or spelling match is abandoned for the "First Class in Political Economy." as they are calling the orators.

### COSTLY FIRE AT CARROLLTON.

Loss of \$50,000 From a Blaze in a Barber Shop.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Carrollton, Mo., March 15.-Fire broke out in a barber shop in this city about 2 o'clock this morning, and before it was under control had destroyed \$50,000 worth of property. A high wind was blowing, and at one time the Courthouse was in great danger. sparks having ignited it. The city narrowmissed the biggest kind of a fire. The two-story building in which the bar-

er shop was located was a total loss, together with contents. The Merrick-Minnis wholesale and retail grocery store was a total loss, as was the building. The threestory brick building of the banking-house of Wilcox, Son & Co., was almost totally destroyed. The third story was occupied by the Odd Fellows, who lost everything. The bank furniture was saved and the wailts were not damaged. The bank was open for business at 9 o'clock this morning in another bullding.

The law office of Busby & Kneisley, the insurance office of John G. Houston, law office of C. A. Conningham and the J. M. Blankenship real estate and loan office were in the buildings destroyed, and nothing was saved from them except a few law books belonging to Busby & Knelsley.

Phi Sigma Kappa Dinger.

New York, March la.—Eighty members of the Phi Sigma Krappa fraternity gathered in this city for the annual fraternity dinner. The West and South were represented.

## TO SPECIAL LINES

Stock Market Has Practically Little Outside Support, but Prices Are Steady.

### "Seeing that all effort to drain the Chari- | CRISIS SEEMS NEAR AT HAND.

Trust Problem Face to Face With Crucial Test, and the Result Is Likely to Be Far-Reaching.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, March 15.-Trading in the stock market in the last week has been of precisely the same character that has pre-

vailed for the last three weeks. There have been some sharp gains in some of the inactive shares, but the general list, in which the public commonly deals has drifted about idly, with few conspicuous changes, and with the volume of new

business at a very low ebb. The one fact which throws weight upon the side of optimistic reasoning, however, is that a market which persistently refuses to go down in the total absence of outside support is something which experience teaches is altogether exceptional.

Where stocks are held largely by speculators on margin and there is seemingly no chance to make a profit the tendency is for speculative holders to sell. But where stocks are held by people who believe in their value or by strong speculative interests whose commitments are too large to dispose of except at a serious loss, then prices may be impervious alike to protracted duliness of to ordinary bad news. After this week's display of unsteadiness and the similar showing of the previous week there ought to be no lingering doubt as to which of these two sorts of markets is now witnessed.

Reasons for Higher Money Entes. The higher money rates consequent upon depleted bank reserves have been a check upon security dealings, but a better com-prehension of the real forces at work in the money situation has robbed it of any depressing influence. A money stringency at this season of the year is rare. It has occurred where stock speculation was ran-ning wild or where causes of an extraordinary nature have led to excessive gold exportations, or the locking up of gold in the Treasury. But at the present time none of these special conditions exist, Without much doubt, this week has seen the worst of whatever there was to fear in the money market. Were the other restraints upon capital as easy to dispose of it would not be hard to forecast the immediate future of the stock market. The two great incentives to caution

standing out clearly above all the rest are the knowledge that the country is about to enter an unusually critical season in the crops, and the grim certainty that the trust problem, so far as it relates to combinations of competitive interests, is face to face with a crucial test. In the first instance the week's develop-ments have been reassuring. An abundant rainfall in the winter wheat regions came

rainfall in the winter wheat regions came in the nick of time to prevent serious damage from drought and to prepare the ground for seeding of the other crops. From now on to the middle of May is usually a period when "crop scares" are comparatively few. Should this springs experience be a normal one, and should influences of more immediate importance be

present. It would not be too much to expect the financial markets to temporarily BODY OF ALTGELD my the crop question aside.

Trust Problem is Serious.

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The situation brought to a head by the Northern Securities suit is a far horder one to read. Every one who studies the Attorney General's brief before the Minnesota court on Monday must have been impressed with the masterly congency of the arguments presented. The effect in Wall street was to plainly deepen the anxiety with which the company's rejoinder is awhited. When the Northern Securities lawyers have submitted their case interest will turn more largely upon the length of time before a judgment can be expected. Were the decision found to be a long way off it would be easier to create a diversion in some other quarter of the financial situation. But just what the diversion would be is hard at this juncture to see.

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It looks as if the Wall street dealings were to be given over for some time longer to the speculation in "specialties," which has been going on for the past several weeks. Arguments for the advance or decline can be found in individual properties, where they cannot be found in general conditions.

But the conservative operator, whether investor or speculator, will do well under these circumstances to be very critical of the real value behind securities which are brought before his notice.

### VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS.

-Frederick H. Long of Columbus, O., is registered at the St. Nicholas, -Miss Katie M. Jones of Poplar Bluff, Mo., is a guest at the Moser. Mo., is a guest at the Moser.

-Joseph P. Klotz of Dallas, Tex., was at
the Lindell yesterday.

-Frederick Lockwood Baxter of Grand
Rapids, Mich., has rooms at the Planters.

-R A Johnston of Boonville, Mo., was at the Southern yesterday. -H. McMillan of Des Moines, la., is stop--W. A. Crow of Waxabachie, Tex., is egistered at the Moser.

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T. P. Black of New York was among yesterday's arrivals at the St. Nicholas.

W. A. Russell of Warrensburg, Mo., is stopping at the Lindell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Smith of Texarkana. Tex., are at the Planters.

O. P. Dyer of Morganfield, Ky., has rooms at the Southern.

R. P. Short of Shelbyville, Ky., spent yesterday at the Laclede.

Frederick King of Fayetteville, Ark., is stopping at the Moser.

K. E. Morgan of Chicago, Ill., is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

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T., has roofis at the Lindell.

—Mrs. Louis Wachtel of Kansas City,
Mo., is a guest at the Planters.

—W. Ross Gradener of Savannah, Ga.,
spent vesterday at the Southern.

—J. J. Graham of Omaha, Neb., is regis-\_J. J. Graham of Omaha. Neb., is regis-tered at the Luclede. -W. B. Gillam of Quincy, Ill., has quar-ters at the Moser, Daniel W. Herrman of New York arrived at the St. Nicholas yesterday.

-Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cross of Shenandonh, Ia., are at the Lindell.

John B. Simon of Louisville, Ky., is stopping at the Planters.

Mrs. G. Seltz of Bonne Terre, Me., is a guest at the Southern. -C. E. Ewing of Indianapolis, Ind., has rooms at the Laclede. -Miss Hattle Pinkley of Piggott, Ark., is a guest at the Moser.
-K. Keith of New York was among yesterday's arrivals at the St. Nicholas.

-Thomas E. Lyons of Nashville, Tenn., is registered at the Lindell. -William J. Little of Louisville, Ky., is stopping at the Planters. -Walter Scott of Richmond, Va., spent yesterday at the Southern.
-C. A. Mathews of Little Rock, Ark., is a guest at the Laclede.

### MUST WORK BETWEEN COURSES

Regents of Ann Arbor University Indorse New Ruling.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 15. The regents have indorsed the action of the engineering

Viewed by Many Thousand Illinoisans at Chicago Public Library -Burial To-Day.

Chicago, March 15.-The body of the late John P. Altgeld lay in state in the public library to-day and was viewed by many

thousands of citizens. A large crowd was waiting when the coffin was taken to the library at 10 a. m. Tomorrow it will be taken to Graceland Cem-

etery. Governor Yates and staff, State, county and municipal legislators and officials, judges, the United Turner Societies, Democratic political organizations, labor unions, civic and fraternal societies, Boer sympathizers, the Altgeld Legion and citizens generally.

### FRENCH RACING SEASON OPENS.

American Jockeys Ride Two Firsts, Three Seconds, Three Thirds. Paris, March 15.-The flat racing season

in France opens with the St. Cloud meet-Reiff. Rigby, McIntyre, Buchanan and M. Henry-rode, and in six races they won two firsts, three seconds and three thirds. Rigby, on Tumulus, took third place in the opening race, the Prix d'Ouverture in the next race, the Prix Basteudon, Henry, ing to-day. Five American fockeys-J.

on Chernavaca, was first; Buchanan, on Fiagelot, was second, and Reiff, on Primatif, was third. e most important race of the day, the The most important race of the day, the Prix de St. Cloud, of \$2,000, was won by Henry, on Barde Reiff, on Marechal Nell, was second. Barde won fairly and easily. Buchanan, on Courtoisie, took third place in the Prix de Troenes.

All five of the Americans rode in the race for the Prix de Pierriers, but they had poor mounts, and were not placed. Henry gained second place in the final race, the Prix de Villartains.

### LEAVES YOUNG WIFE TO GO TO SERVE IN PHILIPPINES.

Bride of Lieutenant Hooker Was One of Those Imprisoned in Pekin by Hoxers.

New York, March 15.-Captain A. C. Anderson and First Lieutenant R. S. Hooker of the Marine Corps, stationed at the Brooklyn navy yard, have been assigned to duty in the Philippines and will depart March 26. Lieutenant Hooker in going to his post will leave behind his young wife, formerly Miss Condit-Smith, who was one of the legationers imprisoned at Pekin by the Boxers.

Captain Anderson was in command of the guard on board the Yosemite during the Spanish-American war, and was de-tached from that ship in time to join the marine forces which played a conspicuous part in the Chinese campaign.

Provident Union.

North Star Council No. 138, held a regular meeting on Friday evening. The Herald reported five candidates for initiation, and these ware passed through the several stages of initiation. Four applications were received for membership. The council expects to change its meeting place in April to a location more convenient for the members. President Martz is drilling his officers in memorizing their work to make the initiatory ceremonies the more effective and impressive. Official paraphernalia will be received from the supreme office in time for the next meeting. Provident Union.

pressive. Official paraphernams will be received from the supreme office in time for the next meeting. President Sister Keane of Enterprise Council, No. 137, at its last meeting expressed herself well satisfied with the forceased interest shown by the members in its prosperity. Three initiations and four applications for membership were the result of the evening's work.

Columbia-Council, No. 120, met at fix hall and expressed sorrow on account of the death of one of its members.

Emblem buttons and pins are being made for all members and will be sent to the several accommants of the councils for distribution. The designs are fasterial and appropriate.

Many visitors were at the department beademanters in the Koken building last week.

New literature is being printed by the supreme secretary and will be ready for distribution in a few days.

Work for the order has been commenced in Kansar, with satisfactory results. Reports from Texas, Kentucky, Indiana and Onto show an increase in membership in nearly every council.

EUCHRE AND DANCE—The Union Charity Club will give a cuchre and dance to-morrow evening at Delisie's Hall, No. 3204 Lucas avenue.

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